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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT

1. DURING CONVERSATION JUNE 28, MARITANIAN AMB BA NDI AWAR
WHO REGULARLY MAKES CIRCUIT OF OAU MEETINGS AND IS ONE OF
BEST INFORMED DIPLOMATS HERE ON OAU MATTERS, MADE FOLLOWING
OBSERVATIONS TO AMBASSADOR:

A. SECRETARY-GENERAL: PRESENT SEC GEN ETEKI WHO IS
NOW AN ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED HIMSELF (LIBREVILLE 1766),
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WILL NONETHELESS HAVE COMPETITION. TOGO IS STILL EXPECTED
POST A CANDIDATE (UNNAMED) AND SIERRA LEONE "WILL CERTAINLY
DO SO," AS WILL ZAMBIA. WHEN I TOLD HIM I HAD HEARD RUMOR
THAT ZAMBIAN CANDIDATE MIGHT BE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, HE SAID NO, IT WOULD MOST LIKELY BE A FORMER FONMIN.
I THEN ASKED IF THAT MIGHT BE RUPIAH BANDA. HE GRINNED AND
NODDED, ADDING THAT CURIOUSLY ENOUGH, IF BANDA DOES NOT

MAKE IT, PRESENT FONMIN IS THEN LIKELY BECOME CANDIDATE
FOR ONE OF FIVE ASST SEC GEN POSTS. ASST OAU SEC GEN KAMANDA WA KAMANDA'S

CANDIDACY IS STILL UNKNOWN QUANTITY SINCE IT NOT CLEAR YET
WHETHER HE HAS MOBUTU'S SUPPORT.

B. WESTERN SAHARA: NDIWAR DOUBTED THAT THIS WOULD
BE DISCUSSED MUCH AT SUMMIT PARTLY BECAUSE THERE WAS NOT MUCH
MORE TO SAY. THERE WAS ALSO TECHNICAL MATTER. LAST SUMMIT
HAD MANDATED THAT SUBJECT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AGAIN AT
"EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT." THIS, OF COURSE, HAD NOT HAPPENED,
BUT KHARTOUM TECHNICALLY DOES NOT QUALIFY AS "EXTRAORDINARY
SUMMIT."

C. CANARIES: HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE
AND PROBABLY LOUD ATTENTION, BUT ANY EFFORT TO HAVE OAU LOOK
INTO SITUATION WOULD BE DEFEATED. VOTES WERE NOT THERE,
AND MODERATES WOULD STAND FIRM.

D. REUNION AND MAYOTTE: HE DOUBTED THERE WAS ANY REAL
ENTHUSIASM FOR EITHER SUBJECT AND SAID HE WOULD BE SURPRISED
IF THEY COMMANDED MUCH ATTENTION.

E. SHABA: THIS HE THOUGHT WOULD BE CENTERPIECE
OF KHARTOUM. TANZANIANS WOULD CERTAINLY BRING IT UP.
NONETHELESS, HE DID NOT WANT TO SPECULATE AS TO HOW IT
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MIGHT GO.

F. REFORM OF OAU STRUCTURE: HE WAS "SURE" THIS WOULD BE
SERIOUSLY DISCUSSED SINCE IT HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR
FOUR YEARS AND SHABA II HAD DEMONSTRATED CLEARLY NEED TO
GIVE OAU GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO ACT IN SITUATIONS NOT
COVERED BY PREVIOUS SUMMIT (COMMENT: I WONDER.)

G. INTER-AFRICAN FORCE: HE THOUGHT CONCEPT WAS VIR-
TUALLY IMPOSSIBLE GIVEN AFRICA'S POLITICAL DIVISIONS (COULD I
IMAGINE A ZAIRIAN CONTINGENT COMMANDED BY A TANZANIAN?),
AND CONSEQUENTLY WOULD RECEIVE LITTLE ATTENTION.

H. SOUTHER AFRICA: HE HAD NO SPECIAL COMMENT BUT
THOUGHT MANY DELEGATES WOULD FOLLOW LEAD OF FRONT LINE.

2. FOR KHARTOUM AND ADDIS (ROTH): NDIWAR WILL BE AT KHARTOUM
AND LATER BELGRADE. MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR MOULAY DRISS ALAOU
WILL ALSO BE AT KHARTOUM, AND PERHAPS SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR
BABACAR DIALLO. ALL THREE ARE APPROACHABLE, FRIENDLY TO US, AND
LIKE TO TALK ABOUT OAU. BEST INFORMED IS NDIWAR FOLLOWED
BY DRISS ALAOU, BUT YOU MAY WISH KEEP ALL THREE IN MIND

AS POSSIBLE CONTACTS DURING KHARTOUM MEETINGS.TIENKEN

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